



## MICHIGAN HILL OWNERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

May, 2004

### **FIRE SEASON**

Due to below average snow pack this past winter and the continuing drought, above average fire potential is expected this summer. There are many things you can do to prevent fires in our area. Please take time to read through the following suggestions to keep our community safe.

- Be aware of county and national forest fire bans. County fire bans DO apply to private land! When in doubt, it is safest to assume that a fire ban is in effect. For updated fire ban information check the Pike National Forest web site: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/psicc/> and The Flume web site [www.theflume.com](http://www.theflume.com)
- Remove twigs, branches and pine needles from around the house and under the deck.
- Cut branches that hang over the deck or roof.
- Prune tree limbs so the lowest limbs are 6 to 10 feet above the ground.
- Stack firewood away from the house.
- Don't throw cigarettes out of your car window and use an ashtray around your home.
- Dispose of cuttings and debris promptly.

As a member of our community, please respect the **NO OPEN FIRES** policy on Michigan Hill. In non-drought years, this policy will be revisited. This policy refers to fire pits, not to gas grills.

### **Have You Paid Your 2004 Dues?**

While many of you have paid your annual MHOA dues in a timely manner, there are many unpaid dues out there! If you have not paid your 2004 dues, please contact Mary Dudzinski immediately at (303) 831-9855. The deadline for paying your 2004 dues has passed and late fees add up fast!

### **AMENDED BYLAWS UPDATE**

The last newsletter explained that the MHOA Bylaws were amended effective February 21, 2004 and that a majority of the membership must ratify the amended Bylaws at the Annual Meeting this August. The last newsletter also explained that if members were interested, focus groups would be held to discuss ideas, concerns, and questions regarding the changes. To date, the Board and ACC have not received any feedback from members. A copy of the Design Regulations & Guidelines has been included with this newsletter for your review. It is beneficial to all members to discuss specific ideas and concerns *prior* to the Annual meeting. A small form has been included on the "Ads" page that you can fill out and mail in with your comments. Also, feel free to email a Board or ACC member with your comments. Your ideas are appreciated and the Board and ACC are anxious to receive your feedback! If you know of a group of people interested in attending a focus group, please contact Michaela Zisk at (719) 836-0296.

### **FIRST ANNUAL MHOA CLEAN-UP DAY**

The first annual Michigan Hill Clean-up day is approaching. On Saturday, May 29 at 10:00 a.m. please meet at the pump on Michigan Hill Road if you need some help cleaning up your property or if you'd like to volunteer your time helping your neighbors. Beginning Wednesday, May 26 and lasting for approximately 3 weeks, a 30 cubic yard dumpster will be available for Michigan Hill owner use. The dumpster will be located at the pump on Michigan Hill Road. Help to make this Clean-Up Day a success and PLEASE follow the dumpster rules. The rules are very specific and MHOA will only be able to provide this service in future years if this year goes well. The dumpster rules are as follows:

#### **The dumpster is...**

- for MHOA members ONLY
- not for disposal of all of your construction materials
- not for dirt or concrete
- not for hazardous materials, insecticides, etc.
- not for un-dried paint
- not for burnable trees/branches/slash. Use the burn pit!

## **BOARD AND ACC MEETING**

The next regular Board/ACC meeting is scheduled for July 24, 2004 10:00 a.m. at Michaela Zisk's home on Michigan Hill. Check the web site for updates, recent minutes and agendas.

## **MHOA CONTACT INFORMATION**

### **Board Members:**

Susan Hargleroad (303) 839-1204 (work)  
Blenda Crawford (303) 798-3830 (home) and (303) 458-1820 (work)  
Mary Dudzinski (303) 831-9855 (home)  
Michaela Zisk (719) 836-0296 (home)  
Bob White (719) 836-2180 (home)

### **ACC Members:**

John Willers (719) 836-2621  
Tom Clinton (719) 836-2948  
Ron Hunt (719) 836-7122  
Ken Plattner (303) 664-5780

### **Committees (Picnic/Rec):**

Stacy Wiley/Sheldon Burton (719) 836-1403  
Tom & Gerry Clinton (719) 836-2948

### **MHOA Mailing Address:**

P.O. Box 123  
Jefferson, CO 80456-0101

### **Web Site:**

<http://www.coloradoalpine.com/MHOA/frames.htm>

## **MICHIGAN HILL OUTLOTS**

Looking for a place to hike and play without getting into your car and driving somewhere? Our community has several "outlots", similar to "green belts", where you can walk, hike, play Frisbee, etc. Please respect the property lines of the properties that border our outlots. The Michigan Hill outlots are designated in GRAY on the Michigan Hill map located in the "Local Info" section of our web site.

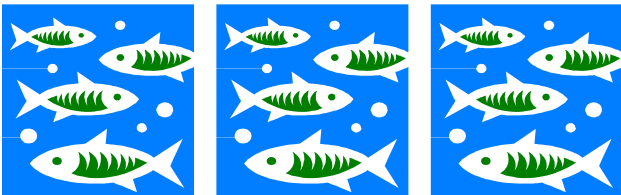
## **MICHIGAN HILL FISHING POND**

Get out your fishing gear - the fish will be arriving by early June! The pond is located to the West of Michigan Hill off of County Road 35. The road to the pond is an easement over private property. Pond rules are:

- The fishing pond is only for Michigan Hill owners and guests
- For anglers aged 16 & older, "catch and release" is required; children younger than 16 may keep 2 fish per outing

## **Recreational/Picnic Area Committee Update**

The Michigan Hill Recreational Center and Picnic Area Committee presented a comprehensive report at the most recent Board/ACC meeting. The committee, headed by Tom and Gerry Clinton, Stacey Wiley, and Sheldon Burton, is researching potential options for where to locate the future recreational/picnic area along with the possible uses for a selected site. The goal of this committee is to identify an optimal location and create an environment that will benefit all Michigan Hill community members including having a common area to gather for social events such as family events and annual meeting picnics and providing recreational equipment such as picnic tables, horse shoe pits, and shelter. The committee has spent a lot of personal time researching, planning and working hard for our community. A hearty thanks to them for all of their hard work! If you have any ideas or suggestions or you wish to volunteer your time, please contact any of the committee members. (See MHOA Contact Info to the left)



## **MHOA Annual Meeting**

The Annual Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, August 28 at 10:00 a.m. at the Jefferson Community Center. A picnic will follow. Please bring a dish to share with your neighbors. As part of the annual agenda, an election will be held for Board member vacancies. There will be two open Board member positions. If you are interested in running for a two-year board position at the 2004 meeting, please contact Michaela Zisk at (719) 836-0296 or [michaela@coloradoalpine.com](mailto:michaela@coloradoalpine.com).

### **\*\*ANNUAL MEETING PROXY\*\***

Included as part of this newsletter is a proxy voting slip. If you are unable to attend the meeting - it is imperative that you fill out this form and return it to the Association by August 10, 2004. In your absence, the return of these proxies is the only way that we can assure a quorum is present for the meeting. The Board will vote the proxies in the same proportion as the votes of the members attending. If a quorum is not available - voting cannot take place. Therefore, your proxies are critical if you cannot attend the meeting. The proxy form is also available in the "Documents" section of our web site.

**Amended Bylaws Feedback**

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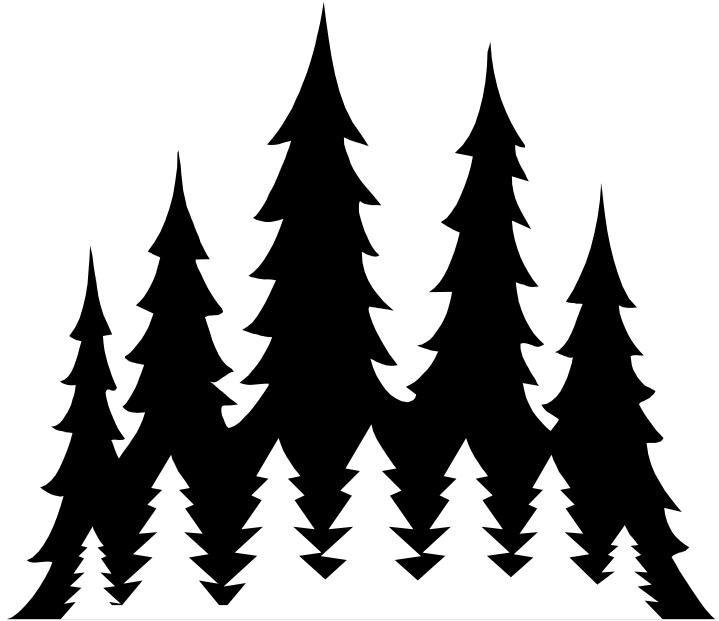
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